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First Named Inventor	Jerry R. Smith
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	10/099,921
Filing Date	03/14/2002
Art Unit	3619
Examiner Name	

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